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1. REGRET DELAY. IT WAS CAUSED BY LAST MINUTE DROPOUTS AND CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF TOUR GROUP. FOLLOWING IN PROTOCOL ORDER, IS BIO DATA ON PARLIAMENTARIANS (RELEASABLE TO NATO):

A. DRS. P.A. DE RUITER, MEMBER OF SECOND CHAMBER FOR PARTIJ VAN DE ARBEID (PVDA)--LABOR PARTY, COUNTRY'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY. BORN APRIL 23, 1939 AND HAS BEEN MEMBER OF CHAMBER SINCE 1971. HE IS MARRIED. DE RUITER IS AN ECONOMIST, AND WAS JOURNALIST FOR AN ECOMOMIC WEEKLY
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BEFORE ENTERING ACTIVE POLITICS. HE IS MEMBER OF ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE TRADE AND SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEES. THE PVDA IS THE LEADING PARTNER IN THE FIVE-PARTY COALITION GOVERNMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND DEFENSE MINISTER ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY IS YOUNGER AND MORE PROGRESSIVE THAN MOST OF THE CABINET. IT IS GENERALLY CRITICAL OF FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL'S PRO-NATO STANCE.

B. DRS. J.A.P.M. BEEKMANS. MEMBER OF THE SECOND CHAMBER FOR DEMOCRAT '66 (D'66) SINCE DECEMBER 1972. DRS. BEEKMANS WAS BORN MAY 7, 1927 AND IS MARRIED. HE IS MD SPECIALIZING IN EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT ILLNESSES. MEDICAL DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN AND ALSO COMPLETED FOUR YEAR COURSE IN EGYPTOLOGY AT SAME UNIVERSITY. FORMER CHAIRMAN OF D'66 PARTY. SERVES ON THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND HEALTH COMMITTEES. D'66 IS ONE OF THREE PROGRESSIVE PARTIES IN DUTCH FIVE-PARTY COALITIONGOVERNMENT. IT HOLDS SIX SEATS IN THE SECOND CHAMBER. THE PARTY WAS FORMED IN 1966 AS A PROGRESSIVE ALTERNATIVE TO EXISTING PARTIES, AND REACHED ITS HIGHPOINT IN THE 1972 ELECTIONS WHN IT TOOK 11 SEATS. THE PARTY IS IN GENERAL DECLINE AT THE MOMENT AND WILL PROBABLY NOT COMPETE IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH MANY OF ITS MEMBERS WILL REMAIN IN POLITICS..
C. DR. A.M.C. VAN HEEL-KASTEEL. MEMBER OF SECOND CHAMBER FOR KATHOLIEKE VOLKSPARTIJ (KVP)--CATHOLIC PARTY. MRS. VAN HEEL HAS BEEN MEMBER OF CHAMBER SINCE 1973. BORN FEBRUARY 24, 1928 AND IS MARRIED. B.A. FROM TRINITY COLLEGE AND M.A. FROM UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. LATER RECEIVED HER LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN. UNTIL HER MARRIAGE SHE WAS IN DUTCH FOREIGN SERVICE AND SERVED AS ATTACHE IN BUENOS AIRES. SHE IS MEMBER OF DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND DEPUTY OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. KVP IS MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT COLAITION. IT IS THE SECOND LARGEST PARTY IN PARLIAMENT, AND IS ONE OF THREE MAJOR CONFESSIONAL PARTIES. THE PARTY IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DUTCH POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

2. ESCORT OFFICER IS THOMAS G. MARTIN OF EMBASSY POLITICAL
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